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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PORS, SF

SUBJ: VIOLENCE AND PROPERTY DESTRUCTION AT UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN CAPE (COLORED)

1. PREFAB BUILDING TEMPORARILY HOUSING LAW/COMMERCIAL  
FACULTY FACILITIES BURNED TO GROUND AT UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN CAPE (UWC) AT 4 A... LOSS ESTIMATED AT 50,000  
RAND. NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE UNCOVERED TO DATE LINKV  
STUDENTS DIRECTLY WITH DESTRUCTION ABOVE BUILDING.  
POLICE LOCATED AND NEUTRALIZED THREE PETROL BOMBS IN  
ADJACENT BUILDINGS THUS PREVENTING FURTHER DAMAGE.  
EARLY PREVIOUS EVENING POLICE WERE CALLED TO COPE WITH  
ALLEGED THROWING OF STONES AT PRIVATE VEHICLES  
PASSING IN THE VICINITY OF UWC CAMPUS. NO REPORT OF  
INJURIES AND DEMONSTRATORS WITHDREW UPON ARRIVAL LOCAL  
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POLICE. UWC RECTOR, VANDER ROSS, MADE EXTENDED REMARKS

IN ADDRESS TO COLLECTED UWC STUDENTS ON CAMPUS THIS MORNING. IN FACE OF MIXED RESPONSE FROM THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AND DESPITE EFFORTS STUDENT AGITATORS, RECTOR EXTRACTED APPARENT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT STUDENTS DESIRING RESUME ATTENDANCE LECTURES AT UWC BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 9, TO PASS UNMOLESTED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. (COMMENT: RECTOR VANDER ROSS IS CONSIDERED LOCALLY TO BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN HANDLING SUCH STUDENT UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION CONFRONTATIONS, AND, IF ONLY TEMPORARILY, HAS SUCCEEDED IN COOLING TEMPERS FOR TIME BEING.) DETENTION OF UWC SCR PRESIDENT, MR. R. ROUW, BY AUTHORITIES CONTINUES TO ANGER UWC STUDENTS WHOSE INTIAL ONE-WEEK BOYCOTT OF CLASSES TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR BLACK STUDENTS IN SOWETO WAS ESSENTIALLY LIMITED TO NON-VIOLENT EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY. EIGH HUNDRED UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN STUDENTS MET IN FRONT OF JAMESON HALL ON CAMPUS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, TO DISCUSS THEIR OWN ROLE IN THIS RECENT STUDENT ACTIVITY. ONLY TODAY, AUGUST 5, DID LOCAL AUTHORITIES REVEAL THAT ROUW HAD BEEN DETAINED ON A WARRANT ISSUED IN JOHANNESBURG FOR PRESUMABLY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES THERE. LOCAL COMMENTS REFLECT IRRITATION WITH RELUCTANCE OF AUTHORITIES TO SUPPLY ANY EARLIER EXPLANATION FOR ROUW'S ARREST WHICH MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE AND PROPERTY DESTRUCTION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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